

CAMPAIGN AGAINST SHARP PRACTICES HERE IS PLANNED

Would Empower Police Officials to Prosecute Fake Sales Operators Here.

AUTHORITIES ARE HELPLESS

Only Recourse at Present Is in Civil Suit—Criminal Statute Is Desired.

While the office of the Corporation Counsel is preparing for a fight to bring the proprietors of auction rooms where the public is being daily victimized, under the control of the civil authorities, another campaign is being planned to give the police officials power to institute valid prosecutions in individual instances of sharp practice.

Already two members of Congress, one from New York and one from Virginia, have declared that they will interest themselves in the fight for a criminal statute to cover the conditions which have, so far, baffled the city prosecutors.

These men, according to the District officials with whom they have conferred, have received complaints from constituents who, while visiting in Washington, suffered financial losses at the hands of certain unprincipled auction establishments here.

Ready To Co-operate.

"The efforts of the Corporation Counsel's office toward obtaining legislation which will result in the proper regulation of these sales rooms is in every way an important and proper move. If there is any manner in which this office can aid in the fight, we shall be glad to give it our support," is the statement which Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given gave today.

"As to our own efforts to have certain practices in which the dealer in goods indulge brought under the criminal law, I am sure this can be, and will be, done."

"The matter, I believe, can be approached along the line of the old common law of fraud. New York city has brought these auctioneers who deal in inside jewelry under the ban, and I am told that one piece of proposed legislation which will be offered to Congress next session will be localized application of the New York statute through which the salesrooms there have been brought to book."

"The great obstacle which we are facing at the present time in making a case against an auctioneer of this type is the refuge which they have taken behind technicalities."

Refuge In Guarantee.

"In most of these rooms where sharp practice is indulged in, the auctioneer may permit himself the wildest and most unfounded statements concerning the quality of the article he is offering for sale, secure in the knowledge that the written guarantee which almost every one of them gives with the article, will stop any action on the part of the nature of a civil suit against them."

"If a man is brought into court on a charge of having made false pretenses concerning an article sold, or of swindling the purchaser, he simply bases his defense upon the representations made in the terms of his guarantee, and the guarantee is couched in terms so carefully chosen, that it contains no misrepresentations and no false pretenses."

"For instance, a watch is offered for sale. It is touted as an electrically gold plated time-piece, and the price is run up by 'puffery' so that when it is finally knocked down to the victim, he has bid it in for three or four times its value. Perhaps a week later, the plating, which though really electrical, was pitifully thin, begins to wear off in patches, and the watch itself refuses to run."

Only Recourse In Civil Suit.

"When the victim consults his guarantee, he finds that its terms merely certify the watch to be electrically gold plated, without designating the thickness or quality of the plate, and that it has been guaranteed to run for five years, and if it does not, that the vendor will keep it in repair. That alternative clause is the joker in the guarantee. The only relief the victim has is repair without charge, if the auctioneer is even willing to do that. And if he refuses, the victim has now no recourse except by civil suit."

"So you see, the hands of the police authorities are tied. There will have to be legislation to make it possible for us to wage any kind of an effective campaign against these men."

Corn Grown From Aztec Seed 2,000 Years Old

HUTCHINSON, Kan., July 4.—Corn, planted from seed 2,000 years old, is growing in Hutchinson, and promises to make a crop.

The seed was found in an ancient Aztec Indian burial place down in New Mexico, in connection with an Indian mummy. Archaeologists figured that the tomb was probably 2,000 years old. Five grains of corn were given to the Rev. E. B. Pratt, until recently pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Hutchinson, while he was having a revival meeting at Aztec, N. M.

The Rev. Mr. Pratt brought the corn to Hutchinson and gave the growing story-telling group for every stranger a relic of ancient Spanish hospitality, has vanished from its last stronghold in California, the great Miller and Lux ranches.

Signs posted on the firm's ranch houses here set forth that the custom was at an end, after having been in vogue more than twenty years by this concern.

Forty sets of harness recently were cut to bits and the act was attributed to discharged employees, who, after the custom of the place, were at liberty to remain.

GERMANS ISOLATE CZAR'S RIGHT WING

General Mackensen Separates Russian Armies—Advance Guard Near Lublin.

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have reached the Bug at several places. Between Kamionka and Strumilowa below Krylow they are progressing quickly in a northerly direction. Between the Bug and the Vistula the lowlands at Lubunka are now in the possession of the Austro-Germans. The Russians offer a stubborn resistance at various places. Also in the Wyszynka section, between Krasnik and the mouth of the Vistula, the German troops have obtained a firm foothold.

On the northern bank between the left bank of the Vistula and the Pila the situation is generally unchanged. A dispatch from Vienna says that Austro-German forces operating near Krasnik, Poland, have captured 800 Russians and three machine guns.

Germans Admit Loss Of Fortifications on Hilgen Ridge in Alsace

BERLIN, July 4.—The war office admits a slight reverse in the Vosges mountains, but asserts that all other attacks on the Franco-Flanders front have been repulsed.

It is declared that the French have attacked northwest of Souchez, and at Les Eparges without success, but the loss of fortifications on the Hilgen ridge, in Alsace, which had been taken by the Germans, is admitted.

London Is Concerned Whether Russians Can Arrest German Drive

LONDON, July 4.—Military experts here are greatly concerned whether the Russian troops will be equal to the task of stopping the wonderfully organized, well drilled Austro-German machine which is plowing its way into the heart of Poland.

With the momentum gathered in its long sweep from Cracow to Lemberg, the Austro-Germans have slightly changed the direction of their drive, and now are engaged in the most surprising and most significant, as well as the most gigantic enveloping movement in military history.

Russian Aix-la-Chapelle.

Brest-Litovsk, 150 miles due east of Warsaw, on the Bug, is an immense supply depot and the real base for Russian operations in Poland. It is just to the east of the political border of Poland, but by its excellent radiating railways, it holds a position as important as to the battle front of Poland as does Aix-la-Chapelle to the German front in the west. The city is ringed by forts as strong as military ingenuity can make them and is protected further by extensive marshes lying on both sides of the Bug to the south.

With Warsaw and Novo-Georgievsk, these two fortresses comprise the famous "undiluted" line, and any effort by an enemy force to capture Poland necessitates their occupation.

With the fall on Thursday of Zarnosev of Mackensen's fleet cavalry is pressing on the important railroad junction of Cholm, thirty miles further in the direction of Brest-Litovsk, and toward Lublin, fifty miles toward Ivanogorod on the Chelm-Ivanogorod Railway. Archduke Joseph Ferdinand has reached a point on the Vistula half way to Ivanogorod, and is reaching over the rough wooded country to the east. He is in touch with von Mackensen's army in the vicinity of Targowisko.

Petrograd Denies Break in Line.

Advices from Petrograd indicate that the Russians are fighting only rear guard actions with the invaders. There is not a break in the long Russian line from the Baltic to the Bessarabia, but it is thought here no engagement in force will develop before the retreating armies in this district reach the protection of Ivanogorod. Then, with the fortress to guard his right, it is believed Grand Duke Nicholas will start on a line running east along the Vistula, which here flows directly east and west, and extending through Parozow to Vlodava, where advantage can be taken of an extended lake and marsh district along the Bug.

In connection with the effort to reach Warsaw from the south and east, Field Marshal von Hindenburg gradually is developing his offensive on the front to the west and north.

Allied Offer to Roumania Is Short of Satisfying

BERLIN, July 4. (By wireless to Sayville).—Among the news items given out by the Overseas News Agency is the following:

"Reports have been received in Berlin political circles confirming the statement that the new offers submitted by the quadruple alliance to the Roumanian government were without effect because that government expects more favorable concessions from the central powers."

Sultan Dangerously Ill.

ROME, July 4.—The Turkish Sultan is dangerously ill, not fatally ill, according to newspaper advices from Constantinople.

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FRENCH WHIP ARMY OF CROWN PRINCE

Fighting From Arras North to Souchez and Along Aisne River Is Renewed.

PARIS, July 4.—Renewal of the fighting from Arras north to Souchez and along the Aisne river, and the repulse of the German crown prince's army in the Argonne are the features of the latest developments on the western front.

The war office announces that very heavy losses were inflicted upon the Germans in the Argonne forest engagement, and the Berlin official statement admits a repulse in that region. The army of the crown prince had made obstinate attacks on the front from Blinerville to Four de Paris. The French maintained all their positions, and in addition captured the Hilgen ridge fortifications.

"The fighting continued all last night in the Argonne," says the French official statement. "We maintained our positions and we inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy. Two fresh attacks against our positions at Oretes, situated to the east of the village, have been repulsed. Along the remainder of the front there has been a very active cannonade, guns of all calibers taking part. Shells thrown into Arras started some fires, but the flames were got under control."

German attacks, preceded by fierce bombardment, have been delivered at four distinct points from the Yser to the Vosges. The attacks are believed to constitute the beginning of a new general offensive movement.

Ominous significance is generally attached to the quietude which prevails along the British front in Flanders. This, military experts agree, is likely to preface an important movement of some kind by the one side or the other.

The crown prince's new offensive in the Argonne was made apparently for the purpose of withdrawing French attention from the Miel valley, where General Joffre again has been nibbling away. It marks the first ineffectual attempt by the crown prince's army to complete the investment of Verdun.

May Not Be Decisive.

The repulse of the crown prince may not be decisive, for he returned to the assault with the strongest force he has thrown into the region. The prize at stake is certain to put extraordinary stamina in the men holding the Argonne line, for a break through by the Germans to the railway would menace seriously Verdun. The fortress has been three-fourths invested since October, when the Germans reached the Meuse at St. Mihiel, directly to the south. The German line since then has extended in an irregular circle to the east and north and at Four de Paris it is almost due west of the fortress.

The Germans now are sending large reinforcements into Alsace to combat the French advance, but thus far they seem to have had little effect. The French are maintaining their positions around Metz and gradually are encroaching further on the Recht valley.

30,000 Italians Repulsed Near Goritz, Says Vienna

VIENNA, (via Berlin wireless) July 4.—Thirty thousand Italians, who attacked the Austrian positions along the Isarno near Goritz, were repulsed with heavy losses, the war office reports. The Italians lost heavily in an attack upon the bridge head opposite Goritz, it is announced.

BERLIN INDEFINITELY DELAYS NOTE TO U. S.

Foreign Office Says New Developments Demand Utmost Care and Consideration.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

BERLIN (via The Hague), July 4.—An important development in the German note situation resulted in the announcement that the delivery of the document to the American embassy would be indefinitely delayed.

Ambassador Gerard, while refusing to give the slightest intimation of the nature of the new development, told me he did not expect the note to be delivered now in less than another week. He stated that the full details of the change in the situation have been cabled to Washington.

At the foreign office the official information available was that new developments have arisen demanding the utmost care and consideration, and that these developments have been of such a nature as to make impossible the delivery of the note on Monday as originally planned. Official notice was also given all correspondents and local newspapers that discussion of the note's probable contents and speculation as to the nature or reason for its delay would be prohibited.

Notice was also given that telephone censors would stop any discussion of the note over telephone lines by either journalists or citizens. The announcement was coupled with the statement that the prohibition would also govern

ALFRED STEAD KILLED IN ROUMANIA, SAYS MESSAGE

CHICAGO, July 4.—Alfred Stead, son of the late journalist, W. T. Stead, apparently has been assassinated in Roumania, according to a somewhat confusing cablegram received here by his brother-in-law, Frank R. Hussey, advertising manager of the Evening Post.

The cablegram, sent from England July 1, was signed by Mr. Hussey's sister, Mrs. Mary Elaine Stead. It reads: "Alfred Stead, son of W. T. Stead, was shot in Roumania. The absence of punctuation marks in the telegram made it impossible for Mr. Hussey to tell its precise import."

"My brother-in-law was in the diplomatic service. Great Britain for many years," said Mr. Hussey. He noted a Roumanian consul in London, but six months ago went to Roumania. He was interested in oil wells there, but believed his mission was largely diplomatic. His wife remained in England."

Bank Clerk Held on Three-Year-Old Charge

NEW YORK, July 4.—Augustus O. Johnson, former clerk of the Fifth-Third National Bank of Cincinnati, charged with embezzling \$12,238 from that institution three years ago, is under arrest here.

Johnson left the Fifth-Third Bank in July, 1912, without hat or coat, after he had been asked by the president of the institution what he knew about the alleged misappropriation of funds. He left to go to the washroom and never returned.

COL. MAUDE PLACES ALL HOPE IN JOFFRE

British Strategist Says French Plans Are Sound—German Losses 4,200,000.

LONDON, June 30 (By Mail).—Colonel Maude, in the first of his war lectures given on June 17, takes the view that the German defense on the west front has become less and not more formidable owing to the progress of artillery.

The German defensive, in Colonel Maude's opinion, gives the Kaiser's forces no great advantage, and what is important for the issue is energy in attack and the will to carry it on persistently. These qualities, he thinks, are splendidly seen in the strategy and tactics of General Joffre.

He declares himself in favor of the famous "moulin," which consists in continually working toward the command of the German strategic railways by ever renewed attacks at unexpected points, the result of which is to force the Germans to disperse their reserves instead of uniting them for a decisive blow.

Colonel Maude scoffs at the idea that there are huge reserves of German troops available for the west; on the contrary, he thinks the resources of Germany are steadily and rapidly diminishing. He accepts the French figure that up to the present the German losses can be put down at 4,200,000 men. Colonel Maude is noted among newspaper men for reasoned optimism. He has studied the French and German schools of strategy for forty years.

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